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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: TIMERBAYEV ON REVIEW OF TEXTS:

PNE MESSAGE NO. 249

REF: (A) STATE 88147, B. MOSCOW 5590,

1. EMBOFF APRIL 14 INFORMED TIMERBAYEV, PER REF A, THAT THE U.S. IS INTERESTING IN MAKING PNE TEXTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT AN EARLY DATE AND WISHES TO INITIAL AND SIGN THE PNE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. TIMERBAYEV ASKED HOW WE ENVISAGE INITIALLING AND SIGNING SHULD BE CARRIED OUT. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SCORE, AND ASKED TIMERBAYEV FOR HIS VIEWS. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD "NEITHER GUIDANCE NOR PERSONAL VIEW", BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THE TTBT HAD BEEN SIGNED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, PERHAPS THE PNE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED THERE AS WELL. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ANY VIEWS WE MIGHT DEVELOP ON THE QUESTION.

2. TIMERBAYEV INQUIRED WHETHER EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED WORD ON WASHINGTON REVIEW OF THE PNE TEXTS. EMBOFF SAID WE HAD NOT, BUT AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN MOVING TO SIGNATURE AS QUICKLY AS THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. TIMERBAYEV ASKED THAT WASHINGTON BE INFORMED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF ARE WORKING HARD ON GETTING APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES IN MOSCOW. HE ADDED, HOWEVER,

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THAT HE EXPECTED THAT A FURTHER COMPARATIVE READING OF THE TEXTS

MIGHT BE NECESSARY. HE POINTED ESPECIALLY TO THE TREATY ARTICLE I
PARA 2 LANGUAGE IN WHICH THE DATE OBVIOUSLY WILL HAVE TO BE
CHANGED. EMBOFF ASKED IF HE FORESAW OTHER CHANGES. HE SAID HE
DID NOT, BUT THAT HE NEVERTHELESS WOULD EXPECT, ON THE BASIS OF
EXPERIENCE WITH THE TTBT TEST, THAT A FURTHER READING MIGHT BE
NECESSARY. HE ADDED THAT ANY CHANGES WHICH MIGHT OCCUR WOULD
STEM ONLY FROM THE WORKING LEVEL AND WOULD CONCERN "MISPLACED
COMMAS AND SO ON". HE SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT SUBSANTIVE CHANGE
TO BE IMPOSED FROM HIGHER LEVELS. COMMENT: TIMERBAYEV MADE NO
MENTION OF ARTICLE I, IN WHICH HE HAD SUGGESTED EXTENSIVE
CHANGES IN CONVERSATION REPORTED REF B, EXCEPT TO NOTE THE
NECESSITY OF CHANING THE DATE IN ARTICLE I PARA 2.
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